# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-5055

INHANCE TECHNOLOGIES LLC,

Defendant.

# Joint Notice of 15-Day Suspension of the SNUN Review Period

Plaintiff the United States of America ("United States"), on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and Defendant Inhance Technologies LLC ("Inhance"), file this Joint Notice of a 15-Day Suspension of the Review Period for the Significant New Use Notices ("SNUNs") submitted by Inhance to the EPA.

On August 23, 2023, the Court held oral argument on the motions filed by Inhance to dismiss the complaints filed by the United States and the Intervenor-Plaintiffs alleging past and continuing violations of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.* (ECF Nos. 10, 40), the motion for partial summary judgment filed by the United States (ECF Nos. 37, 49, 51, 52, 54), and the motion for summary judgment and injunctive relief filed by the Intervenors-Plaintiffs. (ECF Nos. 42, 50, 53). At the conclusion of the oral argument, the Court asked to be informed "if there are any developments on the regulatory front" . . . and of "the significance of whatever this development is . . . ." Transcript of Oral Argument at 115:7-15.

In accordance with the Court's request, the United States and Inhance file this Joint Notice. At the time of the hearing, the statutory review period for Inhance's SNUNs was set to expire on September 1, 2022. On August 30, 2023, Inhance requested under 40 C.F.R.

§§ 720.75(b)(2)(ii) and (c)(4) that EPA suspend by 15 days the review period for its SNUNs, resulting in the review period expiring on September 16, 2023. Inhance stated that additional time is needed to complete its collection and submission of detailed information EPA requested on the customer uses of the fluorinated containers and information regarding any new process Inhance is developing to reduce or eliminate the formation of LCPFAC associated with the treatment of containers from Inhance. EPA granted Inhance's request to suspend the SNUN review period by 15 days.

Thus, the applicable review period for Inhance's SNUNs is now scheduled to expire on September 16, 2023. The parties will inform the Court if there are further suspensions or an extension of the review period.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 7, 2023 FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The foregoing Joint Notice of 15-Day Suspension of the Review Period has been filed electronically using the ECF system and are available for viewing and downloading from the ECF system. Counsel for the Plaintiff also has served by email an electronic copy of this Joint Notice on counsel for Defendant and counsel for Intervenor-Plaintiffs Center for Environmental Health, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, and Mr. Jay De La Rosa.

DATE: September 7, 2023 /s/ Richard Gladstein
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